

**From the Staff at Springbrook Conservation Education Center:**

**Thank you for your interest in the Springbrook Conservation Education Center. Below is a brief overview of our facility and attached is detailed information that will help you with your stay.**

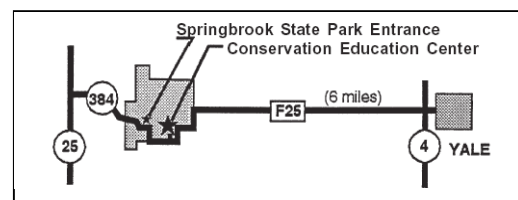
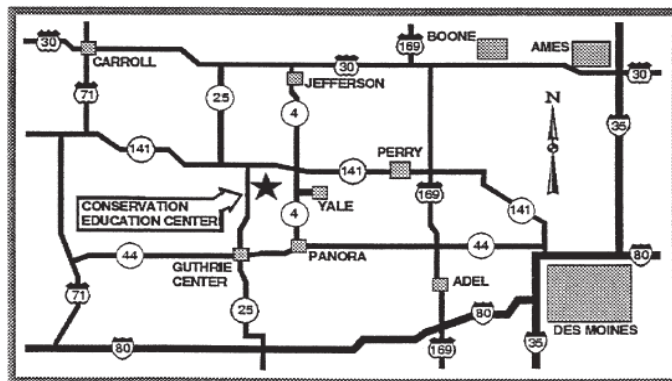
**Who We Are:** We are a residential environmental education facility operated by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. Our year round facility is a popular destination for school groups, teachers, conservation organizations, governmental organizations, and others. We provide open-air "classrooms" as well as indoor meeting rooms to accommodate almost any type of group. School Groups and Conservation Education Groups qualify for staff led educational programs. Other groups may inquire of their eligibility.

**Facilities:** Our handicapped accessible facility is located within the boundaries of the 866-acre Springbrook State Recreation Area. Our fully heated/air-conditioned dormitories with a capacity of 104 can meet most groups' overnight needs.

Meeting rooms to accommodate group sizes of 20-200 are equipped with audio-visual equipment, including overheads, slide projectors, VCRs, and easels in each classroom.

**Reservations:** Enclosed are reservation forms for the facility and meals. Please complete and return both to the Education Center at least two weeks before your visit. Payment(s) for the facility (payable to DNR/CEC) and for meals/food (payable to Iowa Market) are due upon arrival. Fee descriptions and schedule are attached.

**Facility Location:** The Education Center is located approximately 55 miles northwest of Des Moines, Iowa, in the Springbrook State Recreation Area near Guthrie Center. There are several ways to reach the Education Center -- consult the maps below for the most direct route for you.



**The Education Center staff looks to provide quality standards in our facility and in the programs we offer. We are open to suggestions you or your group may have that would enhance your stay. If you have any questions, or would like to schedule your visit, please contact us at (641) 747-8383. Thank you, again, for your interest, and we look forward to your visit being a pleasant and educational one!**